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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1527

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS ASEC ET  
SUBJ: VISITORS TO ADDIS ABABA

1. OVER PAST FEW DAYS, ACCUMULATION OF INCIDENTS HAS FORCED ME TO CONCLUDE RELUCTANTLY THAT, FOR TIME BEING AT LEAST, TOURISTS SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED FROM TRAVELING TO ADDIS AND OFFICIAL VISITS SHOULD BE CURTAILED UNLESS TRIP IS NECESSARY OR SERVES MISSION OBJECTIVES. ARMING OF KEBELES AND WORKERS DEFENSE SQUADS HAVE IN PAST WEEK OR SO LED TO INCREASED REPORTS OF SHOOTINGS, MOSTLY (BUT NOT SOLELY ) AT NIGHT. CHANCES OF NON-ETHIOPIANS BEING CAUGHT IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS HAVE INCREASED. IN PAST WEEK, CANADIAN OFFICIAL CAR HAS BEEN SHOT AT (NO CANADIANS IN IT), BELGIANS ATTACHE'S CAR HAS ALSO BEEN SHOT AT, TRINIDADIAN COUNSELOR WAS WOUNDED SLIGHTLY EVENING MARCH 12-13 (WHILE DRIVING AFTER CURFEW), AND WE HAVE ALREADY REPORTED DEATH OF BRITISH CITIZEN, MARCH 10 (ADDIS 1476). EPMG PROPAGANDA ABOUT REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE AND ASSERTIONS THAT "RED TERROR" WILL REPLACE "WHITE TERROR" NOT HELPING.

2. OUTSIDE OF ADDIS, IMPROMPTU ROADBLOCKS MANNED CHIEFLY BY KEBELES OR PEASANTS ASSOCIATIONS BLOSSOMED OUT THIS PAST WEEKEND AND REPORTS OF GUN-TOTING PEASANTS  
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WERE FREQUENT. ROADBLOCKS THUS FAR ARE MOSTLY AN INCONVENIENCE (THEY OFTEN INCLUDED CAR SEARCHES), BUT COULD DEVELOP INTO SOMETHING MORE SERIOUS. WE HAVE BEEN TAKING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND WILL CONTINUE MONITOR SITUATION CAREFULLY. WE ARE PREPARED TO TAKE FURTHER MEASURES IF THEY SEEM TO BE REQUIRED IN CIRCUMSTANCES. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES INFORMED.

3. COUNTRY TEAM AGREES. IF DEPT CONCURS, REQUEST WASHINGTON  
AGENCIES BE INFORMED AND THAT DEPT NOTIFY  
POSTS ABROAD.  
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